

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**  
**Tampa Division**  
**Public Notice for the Appointment of a Magistrate Judge**

The Middle District of Florida will appoint a full-time magistrate judge for the Tampa division. The annual salary is \$185,012.00. The term of office is eight years. The magistrate judge should expect to remain in the Tampa division.

The Middle District uses a magistrate judge to the maximum extent permissible under 28 U.S.C. § 636. The minimum qualifications for appointment as a magistrate judge are established in 28 U.S.C. § 631(b); Chapter 4, Section 420.10, *Guide to Judiciary Policy*; and *The Selection, Appointment, and Reappointment of a United States Magistrate Judge* (Federal Judicial Center, 2010) (available online).

Comprising lawyers and other members of the community, a Merit Selection Panel will review each application. After an interview of selected applicants, the panel will recommend to the district judges the five applicants whom the panel considers best qualified. The district court will interview the five finalists but will appoint the new magistrate judge only after a satisfactory FBI full-field investigation and a satisfactory IRS tax check of the proposed appointee. The appointee must comply with the financial disclosure requirements of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-521, 92 Stat. 1824 (1978) (codified at 5 U.S.C. app. §§ 101-111).

The required application is available at the office of the Clerk of the Court or at [www.flmd.uscourts.gov](http://www.flmd.uscourts.gov). Each applicant must personally submit an original, completed application and eleven copies, including a recent and in-depth writing sample. Letters of recommendation are neither required nor encouraged. To facilitate optical scanning, each application must contain print on only one side of each page. Also, each applicant submitting a bound application must include one unbound copy. No applicant may submit an application by facsimile transmission. The Clerk must receive each application, regardless of the mode of delivery, at the following address by **5:00 p.m. on FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016**.

**Sheryl L. Loesch, Clerk of Court**  
**United States District Court, Middle District of Florida**  
**Attn: Magistrate Judge Applications**  
**401 W. Central Blvd., Suite 2100**  
**Orlando, Florida 32801-0210**

Unless the applicant consents to additional disclosure, only the members of the selection panel, the district judges, and necessary court staff will view the applications. The selection panel's and the district judges' deliberation will remain confidential.